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25X1C 1. (Secret - PLC) Following a call from [REDACTED], WH, advising me that he and [REDACTED] CI Staff, had determined it best that an Agency representative not meet with Al Tarabochia, Chief Investigator, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, Judiciary Committee, I met with Tarabochia and it was agreed that he would not at this time meet with anyone from the Agency concerning his proposed staff study on the Venceremos Brigade. He will instead prepare a detailed outline of the study which he will submit to me in about a week for any Agency comments. I gave him the photograph of one [REDACTED] provided by WH. Tarabochia felt certain that this was the same Cuban who had been with the North Vietnam interrogators and who tortured American prisoners.

25X1A 2. (Internal Use Only - PLC) Called Kempton Jenkins, State Congressional Relations staff, and inquired as to whether State would try in the Senate Judiciary Committee to restore the retroactive provision in H.R. 7135, which was dropped when it passed the House. The bill raises the ceiling for damage claims against the Government to \$15,000. I explained that a number of our people and State personnel suffered total losses of their belongings as a result of the recent conflict [REDACTED]. If the bill were made retroactive to 1 January of this year, they would be covered. Jenkins referred me to Don Eller, a State administrative type, as Jenkins' office does not handle these matters. Mr. Eller was called, but was not in and will return the call.

3. (Internal Use Only - PLC) Called Norm Cornish, Deputy Staff Director, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, House Government Operations Committee, and discussed the problems we have with H.R. 16373, as reported out by the Subcommittee. The bill grants individuals the right of access to Government records maintained concerning them. I explained that the major problem was subjecting the Agency to the public rule-making procedures required by section 553, Title 5, U.S.C., in order for the Agency to justify its exemption from most of the provisions of the bill. Cornish suggested that we prepare a letter from the Director to the Chairmen of the Subcommittee and full Committee, explaining our position. If there is sufficient time he would present the letters to the full Committee Tuesday morning when it meets for the final mark-up.

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